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DACCA FOR THE SECY'S PARTY

1. DURING UK/FRENCH/US CONSULTATIONS BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AM OCT 30 FRENCH PERMREP DE GUIRINGAUD SAID HE ORALLY INSTRUCTED NOT TO CO-SPONSOR FRENCH/BRITISH DRAFT UNLESS UK DID SO.

2. MORE IMPORTANT HE WENT ON TO REPORT THAT HE HAD STATED TO QUAI HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO TRIPLE VETO WITHOUT SOME OVERT ACTION SUCH AS TABLING DRAFT RES WHICH (1) WOULD SHOW FRENCH GOOD FAITH ON SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE AND (2) WOULD SERVE AS WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICA THAT IT MUST CHANGE ITS POLICIES AND NOT HIDE BEHIND TRIPLE VETO.

3. WE SUSPECT THAT DE GUIRINGAUD WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS WITH PARIS TO TRY TO PERSUADE QUAI TO ABSTAIN ON EXPULSION RES CONTRARY TO ALL PREVIOUS ASSURANCES WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER BRITISH VETO DECISION. BRITISH REP SAID IF FRENCH ABSTAIN HE WOULD SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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